

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

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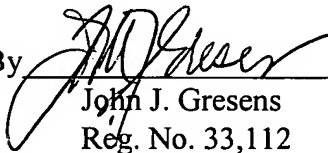
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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3. Arrangement according to [either of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** each wheel (5a) is enclosed by a housing (8), from which only a fraction of each wheel (5a) protrudes through an opening (10) facing the running surfaces (5c).

4. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** the opening (10) lies substantially close up to each wheel (5a).

5. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** the shaft (5b) is fixed to the part (2) designed with the forming or machining element (6), and that the wheels (5a) are rotatably supported on the shaft (5b).

6. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims 1-4] claim 1, **characterised in that** the shaft (5b) is fixed to the part (4) fixed to a stand, and that the wheels (5a) are rotatably supported on the shaft (5b).

7. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** a sealing arrangement (9) is designed to form a seal between the first part [92)] (2) and the second part (4) and to substantially enclose the above-mentioned fraction of each wheel (5a).

8. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** the arrangement (9) comprises a U-shaped seal (9b) arranged on the second part (4) and an I-shaped seal (9a), arranged on the first part (2) and extending between the legs of the U-shaped seal (9b).

9. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, **characterised in that** the distance between the parts (2, 4) is less than the thickness of the sheet (1).

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10. Arrangement according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1,  
**characterised in that** the radial distance between the peripheral surface of each wheel  
(5a) and its pivot bearing (5d) is greater than the distance between the parts (2, 4).

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